(b) if so, the measures proposed to assist the unit, located in the backward area, by ensuring implementation of revival plan submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) The operations of Ramagundam unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) have been suspended due to exorbitantly high cost of production. The rehabilitation proposals for FCI including its Ramagundam Unit are to be submitted to the competent authority in the Government and thereafter for sanction of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

Financial Assistance for transportation of Fertiliser to Maharashtra

975. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to provide special financial assistance towards transport and cost of Fertiliser to Adiwasi districts of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) Urea is the only fertiliser under price, distribution and movement control of the Government of India. The phosphatic and potassic fertilisers have been decontrolled with effect from 5.8.1992. The Government of India subsidies both the cost of production and transportation of urea as a result of which Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of urea is uniform throughout the country. As urea is heavily subsidised and MRP of urea is the lowest in India if compared to other countries in the region, there is no proposal for further subsidisation by way of financial assistance for transportation and cost of urea to Adiwasi districts of Maharashtra.

Decline in Production potential of Agricultural Land

†976. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHWATA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have received complaints regarding

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.